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Pattern Department

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Eleventh Annual Convention U.F.A. Splendid Success

Convention Brings Out Many Questions Of Great Importance.—Possibility of U.F.A. Taking Part In Politics.—Hail Insurance By-Law Approved Of.

In First Presbyterian church in the city of Edmonton, the eleventh Annual Convention of United Farmers of Alberta had just got well under way when the Times went to press last week. Notwithstanding the fact that many locals were hindered from having a full representation of delegates owing to the flu epidemic, the attendance was fully up to former conventions and the work accomplished was of very great importance and destined to have far-reaching results in improving the conditions of the rural population.

Lieut-Gov. Brett, Premier Stewart and the Mayor of Edmonton opened the first meeting with words of welcome and commendation. President Wood was chosen. Chairman, and later re-elected president in whirlwind fashion without opposition. Indicating the satisfactory work of the executive during the past year, every member of the executive was re-elected except Mr. Leedy who declined nomination and was replaced by Mr. Greenfield. The directors on the board from the federal constituencies are: H. E. Spencer Battle River, G. A. Forsyth, Bow River, E. Edmonton, A. Rafn, W. Edmonton, W. F. Bredin, E. W. Calgary, G. Huser, Lethbridge, L. Preston, McLeod, J. D. Sloan, Medicine Hat, C. H. Harris, Red Deer, J. Stauffer, Strathcona, G. F. Root, Victoria, F. W. Smith.

The Hail Insurance legislation on which all are expected to cast their vote of approval or disapproval on Feb. 27th, was discussed at great length and was approved by the Convention.

The question of fixing the price of meat was also debated from all angles and it was finally disposed of in a way that reflects great credit on the farmers as a body. Take the other fellow off our backs and we are prepared to let supply and demand govern the price of our products, put the wheat gambler out of business and we will abide by the result we get of the resolution disposing of price fixing.

The decision of the U.F.A. Convention to enter the political arena as an organization carries with it great possibilities for good or ill. If strictly independent action free from the old political parties is maintained, there is nothing to fear, but a clean break must be made, with the old Liberal and Conservative organizations before U.F.A. members can hope for successful political action.

The following resolution intro-

duced by Pres. Wood and carried by the convention is the basis of the movement:—

1. We urge the locals in the various federal districts to take immediate steps, looking to the organization of district units for the purpose of holding at least one convention each year in each of such districts, such convention to continue one or more days as circumstances may require.

2. The central U.F.A. office shall upon the request of 10 per cent. of the locals in any district render whatever assistance it can in calling and arranging for such convention.

3. The primary purpose of such convention shall be to discuss ways and means of taking independent political action and selecting an independent candidate. The convention may, however, discuss and deal with any other district U.F.A. matters.

4. Each convention shall be responsible for its actions in putting a candidate in the field, in financing and electing such candidate, but nothing in this resolution shall prevent any officer of the provincial organization giving what assistance he can when called upon.

5. Men and women will both be eligible to participate in such convention with equal privileges to such extent as the law allows.

6. The several district conventions may make arrangements through a joint committee or through the central U.F.A. office for calling a provincial convention when and for whatever purpose they may deem necessary.

Director Spencer is calling a convention of the U.F.A. members of Battle River at Wainwright next month. Mrs. McKenny M. D. A. John Kennedy Winnipeg, R. M. Kenzie Winnipeg, Jean Masen Quebec, Mr. Wheatley, Pres., of Alberta Labor were among the visiting speakers. Geo. P. Smith, minister of Education spoke on Consolidated schools and other matters. John Blue, Lieut. Johnston, and others spoke on Memorial Hall project, repatriation and matters relating to soldiers. One of the most important subjects under discussion was rural credits and Canadian Banking, dealt with by Ex-Gov. Leedy retiring Vice Pres., and Vere Brown of the Bank of Commerce.

Taken altogether the Convention was a decided success from every view point and marks an epoch in the history of the farmers movement for better conditions.

Choral Society.

The Choral Society will meet Feb 5th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Love. Besides the singing, there will be a "mock trial". Those wanting to know who leaders, victim and judge are, be present. Everybody welcome.

Carrie M. Toll, Secretary.

J.W. Wyatt has a car of chop on track at \$38.00, \$58.00 and \$62.00 per ton sacked. An allowance will be made for sacks refunded. This is a car of good feed and anyone requiring feed should inspect it.

Attention to Ratepayers

The attention of the ratepayers of the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423 is drawn to the fact that there will be a vote taken on Feb. 27th, 1919 to decide as to whether we will be included in the Municipal Hail Insurance District or not and advise each ratepayer to acquaint themselves with the working of the Act so that they can vote intelligently thereon. Your Councilors will be able to inform you as to the contents of the Act, or the Sec Treas. has a few copies of the same. There will also be a public meeting of all ratepayers and nomination of Councillors for Wards 3, 4, and 6, to fill the vacancies made necessary by the expiration of the term of office of Messrs. Golding, Ganf and Smallwood, said meeting and nomination to be held at Municipal office, in Irma, on Feb. 20th, 1919. The term of office of a Councillor will be for two years.

UFA and UFWA Social

The Irma Branch U.F.A. will hold the long-looked for social evening Friday Feb. 7th in the Co-op hall commencing at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Nellie McClung has kindly consented to an address and a good musical program is being arranged. The reports of delegates to the convention will be given. All U. F. A. members with their families, or lady friend are cordially invited.

Get Your Seed Now.

To the Ratepayers.
M. D. Lakeview 454.
Gentlemen:—

Those desiring to secure seed through the council should not delay sending in their applications to the undersigned at once. If all applications were in hand at this time it would be possible to secure some of our seed locally but unless this is done very soon we shall have to ship it in.

I would suggest that local wheat would be as good seed, and as cheap in price as any we can buy outside. Good oats will be hard to procure here, but it will be in order for you to contract for your own seed here, and where necessary use the Seed Grain Act to secure payment. If seed is contracted here—advise re the circumstances should be communicated to this office in order that we may know how much will have to be procured from outside.

Those who delay sending in their applications past the 20th January will possibly be disappointed.

Yours truly,
D.T. Greene, Secretary.

Public Notice.

Notice is hereby given that all ratepayers in the Municipal District of Battle River, No. 423, requiring the council to ship in seed grain for them are requested to call on their councillor or the Sec-Treas. to sign the necessary application before the 15th day of Feb. 1919.

R.J. Tate, Sec-Treas.

Church Services.

11 a.m. Preaching and bible study at Battle Heights.
3.30 p.m. Preaching and bible study at Elliotts.
7.30 p.m. Preaching and bible study at Irma.

Everybody is invited to these services.
C. G. Hockin, Pastor.

Thanks L. O. L.

Headquarters, Can. Troops, Bromsott, Hants, Dec 13th, 1918.

To the Secretary,
Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 2066, Irma, Alberta.

Dear Brother:—

Will you please convey to all officers and brothers of No. 2066, my heartfelt thanks, for their kindness in sending so splendid a parcel which was received in first class condition, and the contents all very acceptable.

I have heard little or no news of the doings of the Lodge since I left Canada, so you will all understand my delight to know, that I was still in your remembrance.

I have little doubt but that you all will be thinking and wondering how I have weathered the storm. Well, so far so good, I am still whole, so have a lot to be thankful for, and hope before many months are over, to be back in Irma. I do not anticipate being returned immediately as at present I am employed in an office at Bramshott Headquarters, so may stay here till the place is closed down. From all accounts I have heard Irma has grown somewhat since my absence, I hope that the Lodge has grown in proportion.

Wishing the Order Lodge No. 2066, and all officers and brothers every success.

I beg to remain, Faithfully and Fraternally Yours,
Pte. Jas. Roberts, 436986, Headquarters Sub. Staff, Bramshott, Hants.

A very Merry Xmas and a happy new year to all at Irma.

Meeting to Advance Industrial Interests of the Province

A special conference is being arranged to be held in the city to take place on February 3rd in Edmonton. The object of this conference is to discuss ways and means for the establishing of a permanent bureau to advance industrial interests of the Province of Alberta as a whole. A committee has been appointed to make all arrangements for the conference and are as follows:—Premier Stewart, Mayor Brown of Medicine Hat, and Mayor Crystall, President of the Union of Alberta Municipalities.

The opening meeting will be at 10 o'clock. It is expected that all members of the Legislature will be present and take part in the discussions. The committee are very desirous that the business men of the town and country will make an effort to be present. This is a move in the right direction and the more the Province be brought to the notice of men looking for a location the more likely will we be in catching a fair share of the new comers to the country.

Applicants for Seed Grain Please Note

To avoid any confusion in the matter I will state that the first forms sent out were not applications but merely estimates. Only those signing applications will be considered as such. February 1st will be too late to get seed.

I also quote further to avoid any misunderstanding. "In case a tenant, or occupant, or person with a CONTRACT FOR SALE desires seed, the consent of the OWNER must be obtained so that the proper liens may be registered against the land. The limit of the value of seed supplied is not to exceed \$300 for one quarter section."

D. T. Greene.

U.F.W.A. Convention a Real Help To the Community

U.F.W.A. Makes Rapid Advancement.—Over Fifty New Locals Sign Up In Past Year.—Report of Delegates Feb. 1st.—All Asked to be Present.

The Irma Branch of the UFWA was represented by Mrs. F.W. Watkinson and Mrs. J.G. Clark. They report that the convention was larger than ever and a great amount of work was gone through. The delegates were kept hard at work all the time. Meetings followed meetings in rapid succession and then they scarcely got through the big program by Saturday night. Over fifty Locals have been added to the UFWA in the past year and the older Locals have increased their membership. We hope to see the time when every woman in the district will join up. Now the women have got the franchise it behooves them to line up and consolidate and make their vote count, they cannot do this better than by joining the UFWA, and at their

meetings discuss every measure that is brought forward. Among many other subjects that need their attention probably the hospitals and the education of the rising generation are the most prominent. The city of Edmonton accorded a right royal welcome to the delegates. They were entertained at Government House, a social and dance at the McDonald Hotel, Swifts Packing Plant and the Empire Theatre. A full report will be given by the delegates at the next meeting of the Local, Saturday, Feb. 1st. All women in the district are given a cordial invitation to be present. This is a good opportunity to come and get acquainted with the work the association is doing and we hope the women will take advantage of it.

Where to Vote re Hail Insurance

Editor Viking News,
Dear Sirs:

Will you be good enough to publish the following, for the information of those concerned.

First: Under the Hail Insurance Act, the council must pass a by-law in favor of Municipal Hail Insurance. This has been done.

Second: The by-law will be carried or defeated by a majority vote.

Third: The polls will be open on February 27th, in order that every proprietary elector may cast his ballot.

Fourth: The following are the Returning Officers appointed, together with place of polling.

Div. 1. H. Barker at H. Pyke's residence.

Div. 2. H. A. Thompson at Ribstone Hill school.

Div. 3. Dan Gallagher at Poplar Hill school.

Div. 4. T. W. Daniel at Rodino school.

Div. 5. John Astley at Percy Lake school.

Div. 6. W.E. McDowell at his residence.

Fifth: At the same time and place an election will be held for the election of a councillor in Divisions No. 1, 3 and 5. The nomination of councillors in these divisions will be held as above on February 20th, one week prior to date of election.

Yours truly,
D. T. Greene, Sec'y.

Jarrow

Business as usual.

The Royal Bank has recognized the many advantages of the Jarrow district and are opening a branch here at once. A small sized boom may be looked for during 1919.

We regret that Mrs. W.H. Clark is ill.

A. J. McGregor is moving his family to town to reach school accommodation.

The U.F.A. meet in Jarrow, Feb. 1st. Be sure to be on hand and hear the delegates make their report.

Jarrow still needs a hall. Let us get busy.

The papers say the Ex-Kaiser is getting sore. We don't wonder at it at all. He would be "sore" if some of the boys who have been hunting him in Flanders for four years got hold of him.

Farm Facts.

A man can combine patriotism and profit by increasing and improving his flocks and herds.

Breed for quality that will produce maximum weight in the shortest time, says the Stock Expert.

Every unused nook and corner of the farm should be brought to growing food for you or your livestock.

Little capital is required to grow a few hogs and profit comes quickly.

There is a place on every farm for at least one sow and her pigs, because there is waste feed they will consume. Preventing waste and producing pork is doing double service and making money two ways at once.

Raise two crops of pigs a year. It is the common practise in the Eastern and Central States and might well be a more common practise in Canada.

The hog is the cheapest producer of animal fats. Don't send it to the market in thin condition. It doesn't pay.

Plenty of exercise helps to prevent excessive fatness in brood sows. Arrange pens, feed troughs and sleeping quarters so that some exercise must be taken.

Saturday Night Dances

The Saturday night dance was such a success that it has been decided to hold one each Saturday evening while the weather is favorable. By starting prompt at eight o'clock and quitting at eleven practically the same time is spent as at the late dances when the crowd gets in around 10.30 and leaves at 1.30. J. Henderson will furnish the music next Saturday and Mr. Evers the following Saturday.

RED CROSS NOTES

There will be a business meeting of the Red Cross at Mrs. Pattersons on Feb. 7th. They want all the ladies to be present as there is much important business to be transacted. Mrs. G.A. Tripp.

Food Board Raises Regulations.

The Canada Food Board has been informed that field and garden seeds have been removed from the restricted export list of the United States; and that American shippers in future do not require licenses for shipment of seeds coming into the Dominion.

The removal of United States restrictions on flour also extend to Canada.

The Wainwright Hospital Board met last Wednesday evening. A full report will be given next week.



FOR YOUR HORSE THIS WINTER
SPOON'S DISTERPER COMPOUND
 The best prophylactic against disease. Twenty drops of Spoon's Disterper daily will act as an effective preventive against your horse's colds and mites against Disterper and Influenza, and when there is so much disease, when your horse is so weak, keep your horse in good health by starting the use of Spoon's early.

Your druggist handles it.
 SPOHN MEDICAL COMPANY, GOSHEN, INDIANA, U.S.A.

EDITORIAL

Safeguarding the Future

For a period of more than four years, the people of all the great nations as well, have been engaged in works of destruction on a scale hitherto unknown in the world's history. Even what might, in a sense, be termed constructive work had for its object the providing of means and machinery whereby the actual work of destruction might be augmented. Almost the only exception to this general rule has been in the production of food that the human race might not become wholly extinct.

For more than fifty years following the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian war, the peoples of the world were engaged in the military activities of the greatest period of invention and industrial and commercial enterprise ever known. The world was revolutionized in that time, but along with the marvellous transformation which took place in the realms of science, commerce and education, there were also created social and economic conditions resulting in the creation of great combines and financial and industrial institutions, in the misaging of unheard of fortunes by the few and the impoverishment of the many, the development of slums in large cities, leading in turn to the spread of socialistic doctrines, the organization of labor, the ensuing struggle between capital and labor, and a general feeling of unrest.

Then came the Great War, and in the face of threatened destruction of those principles of personal liberty and those democratic institutions which are dearer to mankind than all things, the classes and the masses, capital and labor, the learned and the ignorant, in a word all men, laid aside their individual grievances and joined hands in a common defence of those things, the loss of which would have meant the loss of something dearer than life itself. And in the fierce struggle which followed, the work of destruction of life and property went on on a colossal scale. Fifty years of constructive effort were swallowed up in less than five years of wholesale destruction.

Once again the people of the world face the constructive tasks of peace. The work of reconstruction, rehabilitation, must be proceeded with, but under great difficulties. The workers of the world have been reduced by the millions killed, and the hundreds of thousands maimed for life or reduced to physical and nervous wrecks of their former selves. A staggering burden of debt has been rolled up, and the means of carrying that burden reduced. The whole world must be again transformed from a war to a peace basis, and enormous social problems created by the war must be faced and solved.



Children Love Grape-Nuts

The natural constituents of barley and wheat, sweetened by sugar developed from the grains themselves in the making of this famous food, provide a true building nourishment not found so completely in other cereals.

"There's a Reason"
 Canada Food Board License No. 2028

W. N. U. 1248

TO FINANCE GRAIN CROPS

Winnipeg.—Executive councils of the grain exchange and the Canadian council of agriculture held a conference here last week with Hon. Arthur Meighen. The matter under discussion was the financing of Canada's grain crops, it being felt by the grain men that the federal government will be compelled to take active steps to ensure this end, if an export market is to be found for the surplus grain grown in Canada. Hon. Arthur Meighen promised to take the matter up with the cabinet at Ottawa and give it every support.

It is not generally known that there exists in the Mexican Gulf a half brother to the cuttlefish of the Indian Ocean, from which formerly the world's supply of India ink was obtained.

Hurrah! How's This

Cincinnati authority says corns dry up and lift out with fingers.

Hospital records show that every time you cut a corn you invite lockjaw or blood poisoning, which is needless, says a Cincinnati authority, who tells you that a quarter ounce of a drug called frezone can be obtained at little cost from the drug store but is sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus.

You simply apply a few drops of frezone on a tender,aching corn and soreness is instantly relieved. Shortly the entire corn can be lifted out, root and all, without pain.

This drug is sticky but dries at once and is claimed to just shrivel up any corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin.

If your wife wears high heels she will be glad to know this.

Duisburg Occupied

Amsterdam.—The commander of the neutral zone, east of the Rhine in the region of Duisburg, Rhineland Prussia, announces that allied troops will occupy the harbors and landing places on the right bank of the Rhine. Duisburg will be occupied by two companies of troops.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

Winners for Marquis Wheat
 Saskatoon, Sask.—W. T. Mathison, of Moose Jaw, won the first prize for Marquis wheat standing field crop competition at the provincial seed fair. This exhibitor was also awarded the first prize in the Marquis wheat open competition.

VICTIMS OF LA GRIPPE

Left Weak, Disheartened and An Easy Prey to Other Troubles

A Nova Scotia Man Tells How He Found New Health and Strength

If you have had an attack of la grippe, or Spanish influenza you are out of danger until your blood is restored to normal. Influenza leaves behind it weakened vital powers, thin blood, impaired digestion, and over-sensitive nerves. In this condition the system becomes an easy prey to deadly pneumonia, bronchitis, nervous prostration, rheumatism and even consumption. Ask anyone who has had an attack of influenza what their present condition of health is and most of them will answer "Since I had the grippe I have never been really well." This general feeling of weakness will continue until the blood is built up again, and for this purpose nothing can equal a fair treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. From first to last these pills make new, rich, red blood which reaches every organ and nerve in the body, and through this work, despondent victims of influenza are transformed into cheerful, healthy, happy men and women.

Among the many victims of la grippe who proclaim the value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is Mr. Amos Kaulback, of Petite Riviere, N. S., who says: "I was taken down with a severe attack of la grippe in the winter of 1918. After a time the early symptoms of the trouble left me, but I did not regain my usual strength, and I had always been a strong man. There were times when I felt I could hardly crawl about, and I was so run down I could scarcely go about my business. I continued taking medicine but it did me no good. Then I found the trouble was affecting my digestion and still continuing the use of this added to my general misery. I was finally advised to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I decided to try them. I had only been taking the pills a few weeks when I found my strength returning, my appetite improved, and still continuing the use of the pills a few weeks more found me restored to my old-time vigor. I am now a strong, healthy man. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to all who have passed through an attack of influenza, as a safe medicine for renewing their strength."

You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50c a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Took Peace News to Arctic

Dawson, Y. T.—Special Indian runners who were despatched by the government in November with anti-influenza serum have arrived back from the interior, completing the round trip of 1,000 miles through the Arctic wilderness, including the crossing of the Rocky mountains. They brought the first news from the Arctic coast since summer. They also took to the Arctic coast the first news of the declaration of peace. Col. Knight has been advised by the Fairbanks health commissioner that the influenza is raging all along the Copper river among the Indians.

CHILBLAINS

Family and Quickly Cured with EGYPTIAN LINIMENT
 For Sale by All Dealers
 Douglas & Co., Prop'rs. Nanaimo, Ont.

War Service Gratuity

Winnipeg.—War widows, dependents and next of kin of men killed in action or died of wounds should apply for the war service gratuity recently granted by order in council, according to information received by A. Pearce secretary of the returned soldiers Manitoba commission.

President To Be Elected By People

Must Have Been a Citizen of Germany for 10 Years

London.—Details of the proposed new constitution for Germany, drawn up recently at a conference of widely known authorities on constitutional law, including the state secretary of the interior in the Ebert government, are given in an official despatch sent out from Berlin and picked up here. It states that the empire is to consist of its former component states besides any territories which by virtue of the right of self-determination desire to be received into the empire.

The despatch declares that the people have the right, regardless of former imperials, to elect new German free states within the empire provided any such free state has a population of 2,000,000. If the people of a border country wish to join the German empire the assent of the German emperor, president who is to be elected by the people must be 35 years old, and must have been a citizen of Germany for 10 years before the election. He will be elected by an absolute majority of all the votes of the empire.

The president will represent the empire, but declaration of war or conclusion of peace rest with the Reichstag. Treaties with foreign states require the assent of the Reichstag. As soon as a league of nations, the object of which is the exclusion of secret treaties, has been formed, all treaties with the league shall require the assent of the Reichstag.

The imperial president's tenure of office will be for seven years, and his re-election will be permissible.

The imperial government will be composed of a chancellor and ministers chosen by the president of the Reichstag. The government must have the confidence of the house of deputies and shall be responsible to the Reichstag.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"
 To get the genuine, call for the name LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day.

Canadian Troops Enroute to England

Montreal.—All the Canadian troops have left the occupied portions of Germany and are now in Belgium and France, en route to England, from where they will be sent home to Canada, said Major-General Dodds, C.M.G., D.S.O., the first military governor of Bonn, who has just reached home after four years' service with the Canadian troops.

The ease with which corns and warts can be removed by Holloway's Corn Cure is its strongest recommendation. It seldom fails.

Britishers Demand Full Costs of War

London.—The British empire producers' organization has written to Premier Lloyd George, stating that the affiliated associations of the empire, representing well over \$5,000,000,000 of British capital, have now cabled endorsing in the strongest terms the organizations' demand that the central powers shall pay Great Britain an indemnity commensurate with the cost of the war.

There are two kinds of freedom—the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where a man is free to do what he ought.—Charles Kingsley.

Secure a \$5,000 Protection and Savings Policy
 Age 20—\$108.90 Age 30—\$130.20 Annually
 Age 25—\$118.50 Age 35—\$144.70 Annually
 Write for pamphlet to-day
THE EXCELSIOR LIFE INSURANCE CO.
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HIRST'S PAIN EXTERMINATOR

Always Effective—and acts quickly
 Relieves lame back, lumbago, neuralgia, sprains, lame joints and muscles, toothache, earache, sore throat and other painful complaints—Hirst's Stops the Pains. Get a bottle today. Here's handy—has a hundred uses. At dealers or write us. HIRST REMEDY CO., Hamilton, Can.

Livesay Enulogizes Canadian Troops

Montreal.—J. F. B. Livesay, assistant general manager of the Canadian Press, Limited, at Winnipeg, who went overseas last August to represent the Canadian Press with the Canadian forces at the front, arrived in the city, having come over on the Olympic. Mr. Livesay, who left for Toronto, en route home, speaks most enthusiastically of the work of the Canadian army corps.

Some persons can do a favor with manner that makes them lifelong enemies.

Catarrh and Dyspepsia

Undermined the System and the Nerves Gave Way—Hospital Treatment Failed—Read How Cure Was Effected

Preceville, Sask., Jan. 29.—This letter will give you an idea of what you may expect from this combined treatment for catarrh. While Dr. Chase's Catarrh Powder affords relief from the stuffed-up air passages, headaches and annoying symptoms of catarrh, the Nerve Food enriches the blood and builds up the system, so that the disease is entirely overcome. This is the ideal treatment for catarrh and its ravages on the human system.

Mr. Ed. L. Jones, Preceville, Sask., writes: "I suffered for some time with catarrh and dyspepsia, and my nervous system became quite run down. My food disagreed with me, and I was constantly bothered with indigestion, also suffered from frequent headaches. I tried several doctors, and was in the hospital for a time, but could get no relief from any treatment until I began using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and Catarrh Powder. This combined treatment has done wonders for me. I never have a headache now, and am feeling fine. The Nerve Food has built up my system, and the Catarrh Powder, which I am still using, is helping my catarrh greatly. I intend to continue its use until completely cured."

"I may also state that I have found Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills splendid for weak or lame back."

This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with Mr. Ed. Jones, and believe his statement regarding Dr. Chase's Medicines to be true and correct.—Mr. George Downs, M.P.

Dr. Chase's Catarrh Powders, 25 cents a box, Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, all dealers, or Edman Brothers & Co., Ltd., Toronto. Look for the portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M. D. on the box you buy.

Unless a man tries he never knows what he can do.

A Pleasant Purgative.—Parmelec's Vegetable Pills are so compounded as to operate on both the stomach and the bowels, so that they act along the whole alimentary and excretory passage. They are not drastic in their work, but mildly purgative, and the pleasure of taking them is only equalled by the gratifying effect they produce. Compounded only of vegetable substances—the curative qualities of which were fully tested, they afford relief without chance of injury.

Women seldom stutter. Probably it's because they have so much to say, and haven't time.

Packing Plants are Busy

Growing Industry Bringing Increasing Prosperity

In December, 1918, the disbursements of one of the packing plants at Edmonton, Alberta, for cattle, hogs, sheep, calves, turkeys, chickens, geese, ducks, cream, and for freight and labor connected therewith, amounted to \$1,234,000. These figures convey some idea of the great and growing importance of this industry to the city and surrounding territory. This territory is capable of considerably greater production and with the convenient markets, great development is being looked forward to during the next few years. The packing companies are preparing for this development by increasing the size of their plants.

It's a good thing to have opinions and it's a better thing to keep the lid on them sometimes.

A Kidney Remedy

Kidney troubles are frequently caused by badly digested food which overtaxes these organs to eliminate the irritant acids formed. Help your stomach to properly digest the food by taking 15 to 30 drops of Extract of Roots, sold as Mother Seigel's Catarrh Syrup, and your kidney disorder will promptly disappear. Get the genuine.

W. A. HUTCHINSON.

Germany's Polish Army

Vienna.—It is announced in diplomatic circles here that the number of troops the Germans are mobilizing under Field Marshal von Woytowicz for counter-attack a Polish invasion of Germany, will aggregate two army corps.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Gentlemen,—Last winter I received great benefit from the use of MINARD'S LINIMENT in a severe attack of LaGrippe, and I have frequently proved it to be very effective in cases of inflammation of the throat.

W. A. HUTCHINSON.

Smallpox in Dresden

Geneva.—A sudden and violent epidemic of smallpox has broken out at Dresden according to a telegram from Constantine. Official reports show 125 cases of the disease which is said to have come from northern Bohemia where smallpox has been raging for several weeks.

The worms that infest children from their birth are of two kinds, those that find lodgement in the stomach and those that are found in the intestines. The latter are the most destructive, as they cling to the walls of the intestines and if not interfered with work havoc there. Miller's Worm Powders dislodge both kinds and while expelling them from the system serve to repair the damage they have caused.

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information, so without further loss of time he turned his attention to the road.

The night had been rather damp, and every mark on the road could be clearly followed. Carefully he traced the tracks of the car's continental tires along a little lane to an evident stopping place just outside the town, found footprints there by the roadside, which showed plainly that someone had recently walked up from the river to the road, and stopped by the car. These footprints, of course, he concluded, were made by monsieur. Then the tire prints showed that the car had got back on to the main road again and had run right into Tunbridge Wells. But there his source of information failed him. The well-kept streets of the town had been early swept and cleaned, and many vehicles of many descriptions had passed over them since. Still, he was not too dismayed. He argued that had monsieur been going to return to town immediately, he would not have lengthened his journey by the extra miles between Tunbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

Then, unless he had made a call in the latter town, he would probably have gone on further afield. He knew that this argument was a very poor one, and wholly based on suppositions, but it was his last resource, so he would not allow himself to see its weakness, but plodded doggedly on till he reached the outskirts of the town, still going steadily south. Here he halted, and for a few minutes assiduously studied a road map.

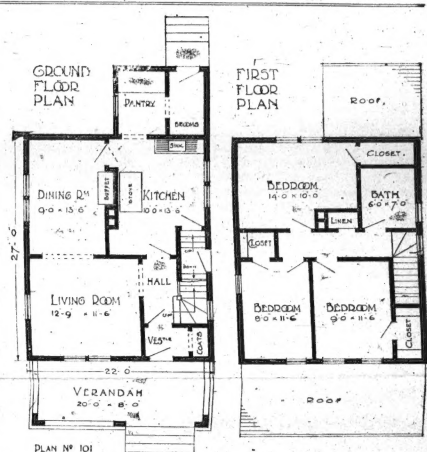
That, to his dismay, told him that there were two first-class roads leading away from Tunbridge but of one of which, a few miles further on, another branched. However, he decided to follow the one which led via Uffchild to Lewis, and at once set out thereon.

As soon as he was quite clear of the town, he dismounted from his motor cycle, and propping it up by the roadside, got down on his hands and knees to examine the road. Fortunately, it was still early, shortly after eight o'clock, and there had, as yet, been little traffic outside the town, so he was soon able to pick up the tracks he wanted, of the big continental tires, two of them ornamented with heavy square patches the other two well studded with non-skids.

There is no need to trace his journey as he followed in the wake of the car whose tires he was tracing to their destination.

He arrived at Uffchild, and found that the car had been seen there in the early morning. At Lewis his quarry had stopped for petrol, enquired at a garage told him that Thence he traced him easily enough to the outskirts of Newhaven. Either monsieur was extraordinarily reckless, or else he did not care twopence who knew his movements, now, for he kept undeviatingly to the main road the whole way, without the slightest attempt at concealment. Except for the incident at Tunbridge there had really been no subterfuge or secrecy of any kind about monsieur's exit from town, and the "Wily Welshman" began to wonder if Scotland Yard had not blundered in having him shadowed.

Why shadow a person whose movements are all clear and above board? However, that wasn't Lloyd's business, he felt, so he banished these disturbing thoughts from his mind, and set to work to find out what had become of the car after its arrival in Newhaven.



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To Send Many to Convention

Detroit.—It is announced that the convention of the National Association of Builders' exchanges will be held in Milwaukee the last week of February. Many important matters growing out of the readjustment of the industry, following the close of the war and the removal of building restrictions, will be considered in the convention. The Detroit Builders' and Traders' exchange intends to send a large delegation, and arrangements to that end are being made.

British Shipbuilding

London.—During the last quarter of 1918 there were begun in Great Britain 424 ships, having a total tonnage of 1,979,952, compared to 395 ships, with a tonnage of 1,866,591, during the same quarter in 1917, according to authoritative figures. Ships now actually under construction in the United Kingdom have a total tonnage of about 233,000 greater than during the quarter ending in September, and about 113,000 greater than one year ago.

Here he was completely nonplussed for a time. He could find no traces of its leaving the town either in the direction of Eastbourne or of Brighton, and it certainly was not in the town itself. No one remembered seeing such a car; it had been to none of the hotels, none of the garages. The detective went down to the harbor, a vague idea in his mind that perhaps it had been shipped aboard a steamer, but that proved abortive. All the hundred and one loafers who had been hanging around the waterfront since first thing in the morning testified that no car had been shipped on to any outgoing boat.

Lloyd began to feel cross and irritable, for he was very tired, and to track down a car all this way and then find that it had apparently vanished into thin air, was distinctly aggravating, especially to one of his impatient turn of mind.

For an hour or so he did what he called "routin' round" the town, making exhaustive enquiries everywhere, poking into the stables and garages of private houses, but with absolutely no success. His temper began to go, and when, after a good deal of very hard work, he was rudely answered by a stolid constable whom he had already questioned at least five times, his hot, Welsh blood became heated to boiling point, and he said some very uncomplimentary things about the Sussex force, to which the constable replied with hard to swallow.

more fervor than discretion. Finally, having made at least one enemy for life, he found himself back on the Leves road utterly disgusted with his profession, life, himself, and everything in general.

Once more he applied his wearied eye to the ground, fixing his attention again upon the wheel marks of A2312. He even took out the magnifying glass, without which he would not have felt his outfit complete, and then—

"Oh, what a fool he had been! What a blind, stupid, idiotic, futile, thrice-dreadful fool! What a double-dyed blunderer! His language almost failed him, for there, clear to the naked eye, on the other side of the road from that which he had been studying, were the tracks of the tires of A2312, returning towards London!"

(To be Continued)

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Then, high above his head, he thought he saw a thin, wedge-shaped beam of light. He stepped back a pace, or two, and looked intently. Yes, there, in one of the upper windows was a light. How was he to reach it? He lit a match, just for a second, and by its brief glimmer he saw that just beside the window he wished to reach there was a drain pipe, which descended into a big water barrel standing on the ground. To climb it was but a moment's task, when once he had kicked off his clumsy cycling shoes, and slipped on the India rubber ones which he carried in his capacious pockets in anticipation of such an emergency as this.

Mentally he congratulated himself on his foresight, as he clambered up. It was not every man, he reflected, who would have been so well prepared for every contingency.

Breathless he reached the window, and clung with one hand to the sill. Gradually he pulled himself up until he was able to stand upright, holding firmly with one hand to the drain pipe.

With eager eyes he scanned the window, but beyond the narrow, steady shaft of light, he could see nothing until he became accustomed to its glare. And then! Oh! grievous disappointment! hopes frustrated! He realized all too surely that the window was securely shuttered on the inside with heavy, wooden shutters, through a small crack of which the chink of light which had been his beacon, was escaping. A heavy sigh told of his disappointment, but hope was not yet dead. With swiftly moving fingers he traced the outlines of the window. It was closed. He tried to raise the sash, it was immovable. He put his ear to the glass; not a sound could he detect. Luck seemed against him.

In vain he tried to peer through the narrow crack whence came the light, but he could see absolutely nothing.

A few more fruitless attempts, and he climbed down again—slowly, wearily, his movements hampered by the disappointment that filled his mind. He had counted so certainly on surprising some great secret in the lighted room.

When he reached the ground again he examined the lower windows. There were four of them, in a straight, symmetrical row along the front of the house, which he concluded was quite a small one; it was not even semi-detached, but joined to a larger neighbor on either side.

The ground floor windows were all shuttered heavily, and none of them had convenient light holes, all were in utter darkness. Nothing was to be learned from them.

He examined the front door. It was large and solid, its vast expanse broken only in one place—the key-

hole, which was small, and looked altogether out of proportion to the mighty door it guarded. There was no knocker, no letter box, no handle—nothing but the keyhole.

Then a match, lighted guardedly, showed him that besides the door was a massive iron bell pull. The kind one reads about in tales of deserted castles. A great, cumbersome, weighty thing, whose handle alone could have brained a man. But it told nothing.

Lloyd peered through the keyhole in a fruitless attempt to discover something—anything would have satisfied him, so desperate was he feeling. That was no use. Neither sight nor sound penetrated to him.

And so he waited. The half hour was up, but the car did not return. Still he waited. An hour passed, but not a sound had broken the stillness of the sombre house. Two hours, three, four, and still the narrow glimmer of light shone on Lloyd, watching intently for things that never came, listening for sounds that were never made, hoping for events which never happened.

And then he fell asleep. To his dying day he will never admit it, but it is true, the "Wily Welshman" slept. Wearied beyond endurance by his long ride through the night, exhausted by his vigil, hungry, disappointed, he slept. Had there been anything for him to do, some active employment, he might have kept awake; but watching becomes so monotonous when there is nothing to watch, and to sleep at night is all too natural.

He had not dared to leave his self-appointed post beneath the lighted window for an instant, lest something should escape him. He would not even venture for a second back to his motor cycle, to which was strapped a basket containing food, and—oh, how he longed for its genial, comforting warmth—a thermos flask, filled with hot coffee, which would have brought new strength to his chilled limbs. But too much zeal had been his undoing, he had been over-anxious, over-ardent, and had himself frustrated his own ends. He slept.

It was dawn when he awoke, awoke with a start, shivering and numb. Slowly came the realization of where he was. The dew-drenched grass, the damp mist, all told him that something untoward was afoot. Then a glance at his clothes, at the grey wall beside him, just dimly looming through the early mist, and he knew where he was, painfully was aware that he had spent the night in the house he was sleeping where he should have watched.

Hardly daring to do so, and yet knowing that he must, he took out his watch and reluctantly, fearfully, looked at it. Almost half past six! He was horrified beyond words, hardly knowing what he was to do next.

Then stiffly he rose and looked up at the boarded, grey, overhanging stone building met his gaze, every window shuttered, and every window dark, save one, and through that one came a chink of light, shining pallidly into the damp mist.

Hastily he commenced his search, using his lamp until the day became more advanced—a thing he had not dared to do last night, for this morning a strange recklessness had come upon him.

Back to the house he hurried. He who had wasted so much time in sleep must hasten now. Seizing the monstrous bell pull in his hands he almost wrenched it from its socket. All through the house its peal reverberated, as though echoing through empty rooms.

He waited. No sound, save the dying peals of the bell, could be heard. Again he rang, again he waited. Still no answer, no sound. A third time he essayed to rouse someone, but still without avail. Then from that well-filled pocket of his came a bunch of skeleton keys.

He tried to cheer his drooping spirits with more mental praise of his own foresight, but for once the thought seemed hollow and profitless. He was a failure, he felt, but he would not admit it completely even yet.

Key after key he fitted into the lock, and at last it turned. The door which had looked so impenetrable, so forbidding, opened easily and quietly, without the least disturbance, into the gloom-shrouded house, his lantern vaguely illuminating its darkness.

But oh, what further disappointment he encountered now! Dust was everywhere. Thick dust, the accumulation of months, perhaps, covered everything—floors, walls, mantelpieces, window ledges were all thick with it. And the house was empty!

From room to room he sped, finding never a trace of human tenancy in its furnitureless waste. Spiders there were, mice scurried away at the approach of his lantern, in the kitchen beetles lay hungrily in wait for him, but no human being resented his intrusion.

Upstairs he ran, searching for the room with the light. He found it easily, and saw with dismay how he had been fooled.

A dimly-burning, flickering, but still lit lamp, stood on a packing case, just where its light would shine through what was now an obviously purposeful chink in the shutters.

How he cursed his self-satisfied folly now! His quarry had known himself pursued, and had laid this trap for his pursuer.

"The Wily Welshman" had been laughed at, and beaten. Gone were now the dreams of promotion, of official congratulation, or newspaper recognition. He saw now what a self-deceived snugg fool he had been.

But how had the stranger escaped from the house so easily? He felt sure that the front door had not been his means of exit. The slightest sound in the front of the house would have awakened the detective, he knew, especially on his unaccustomed and uncomfortable bed.

A sudden idea made him rush to the back of the house and fling open a shuttered window; there he saw the Medway flowing peacefully beneath him, a small punt moored to a landing stage adjoining the house he had watched so assiduously till sleep overtook him. How simple it all must have been—how easy!

The orders he had heard given to the chauffeur were merely a blind, he rightly guessed.

The car had just gone further on, while its master, entering the house by the front door, had left it almost as soon by the back way, stepped into the punt and been taken somewhere along the river by the man who had admitted him, and rejoined his car, while his whilom boatman had brought the punt back to its moorings and peacefully gone back to his cottage somewhere for his night's rest. How simple, and what a fool he had been to be taken in by that lighted chink!

Miserably and bitterly he made his weary way into the town, not daring to think what would be his fate when he reported his failure at Scotland Yard.

CHAPTER XII

The Mysterious Movements of, Monsieur

However, Scotland Yard was not yet to hear of David Lloyd's unsuccessful, for a good though rapid breakfast at the best hostelry in Tunbridge, and the comforting warmth of a big fire brought counsel to the detective's mind, and with it a determination not to be worsted so easily.

He decided that he was not going to give up all hope immediately, and wondered if he could not yet retrieve his mistake. Of course, he knew that he must have lost many valuable hours in his pursuit of the mysterious stranger, whom, as did everyone else who had heard of him, he characterized as "monsieur," but the thought that he might perhaps still manage to track him to his destination, even if he were not able to catch up with him.

Even that might still be possible, the best cars sometimes broke down, punctures were everyday occurrences. So, to his mind, the inner man satisfied, the outer man warned, he set forth again.

But at the very outset he was handicapped by his utter ignorance of his quarry's intentions.

So well had monsieur managed to conceal his identity that no one had the faintest inkling of his purposes. No slightest guess could be hazarded of the reasons for his night journey. For all the detective knew, they might be the most utterly innocent and guileless ones. A delay in town might have necessitated the hasty rush through the darkness, the most trivial engagement somewhere in the country have been the cause of his travelling so far after dark. And yet—

if this were so, why that suspicious manoeuvre in the empty house? Why those purposely misleading directions to the chauffeur? Why the light set in the window of the empty room?

Each question Lloyd asked himself seemed more unanswerable than the last.

He cudgelled his brains in an effort to suggest what monsieur's possible route might have been after he left Tunbridge. Suppose his entire journey had been a blind to cover someone else's movements? Suppose something had been afoot in No. 13 Hector street that night, and monsieur had merely been wishing to remove any possible observation from the house, to put his shadowers on to a false scent? Suppose even, that he had straightway returned to London?

Poor Lloyd's brain was utterly bewildered by the host of suppositions it evolved.

It was now broad daylight, and taking advantage of this, the detective rode back to the empty house in the narrow road. It was still shuttered and dark, and there was not a soul in sight. But it was not from the house he had hoped to obtain his

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The Butcher's Hint

A certain Scottish butcher is renowned among his contemporaries for the quaintness and originality of some of his remarks.

On a road leading to a neighboring parish he one day met 4 gentlemen who at the time owed him for some meat. After a salutation the gentleman remarked:—

"That's a fine fat dog you have, Alexander."

"Sae weel he may, sir," was the reply, "for he has an easy conscience and is not o' debt, and that's mair than you or I can say!"

The hint was taken, and the butcher got his money next day.

Quite Appropriate



Pa: "What is that young man's name—I mean the one who calls here so often?"

May: "I call him April showers, father."

Pa: "Whatever for, my child?"

May: "Why, you see, he brings May flowers."

A Little Knowledge



Teacher: "Tommy, can you spell fur?"

Tommy: "Yes, sir. F-U-R."

Teacher: "That's right. Now can you tell me what fur is?"

Tommy: "Yes, sir. Fur is an awful lone way."

Turn About

"I think I'll go into baseball next year," remarked the actor who was out of a job.

"But you don't know anything about baseball," objected his friend.

"What's that got to do with it? Look at all the baseball players that are drawing big salaries on the stage. They don't know anything about acting, do they?"

Only Kid-ding!



Recruiter: "What! Join the army! Why, you're only an infant!"

Boy: "Well, let me join the infant!"

Well Separated



Stern Parent: "My child, I want you to stay away from that horrid Jones boy at school."

Youngster: "I do, father: he's at the head of the class every day."

Teacher: "Katherine, what do you know about the orchid family?"

Katie: "Please, miss, mother has forbidden us to indulge in any family gossip."

Business and Pleasure



He: "Darling, I think of you every minute of the day."

She: "Be careful, Tom. Better give some attention to your work or you'll get fired!"

All the Same

"Come, Willie. Take your medicine like a little man. You don't mind it a bit. It tastes just like candy."

"Then why can't you give me the candy instead?"

Scandalous

"I understand young Swift has had a very checkered career."

"Checkered nothing! That fellow never played any such mild game as that. Poker and faro are his favorite pastimes."

Too Personal

"Waste hats! charms, right enough; but the inhabitants of a certain shabby street were fed up with 'The Lost Chord,' as tangled up by a wandering corner player."

He paused, waiting for the pennies which came not. Then, with a sigh, he jerked his lips and began again, this time on "White Wings."

Two seconds later a window was banged up, and, instead of the expected copper, a chair leg was thrust at his head, missing him by half an inch.

As he gazed in stupefied wonder round him, another window opened, and a voice said, warningly:

"I wouldn't give 'em any more White Wings' ere, if I was you, mate. The bloke wot lives in 'a' 'ouse 'as just come on 'o' 'all for 'dren 'e 'ain't fond of 'at tune!"

Correct



Inspector: "You are a coal man, Prisoner?"

Inspector: "And you drive a coal cart?"

Prisoner: "No, yer honor."

Inspector: "Then what do you drive?"

Prisoner: "A horse, yer honor."

No More

"Flying is dangerous business. Never again for me!"

"Why, I didn't know you had ever been up in an aeroplane."

"Who said I had? I was referring to the flyer I took in the stock market last week."

Real Generosity



"I suppose you expect a tip."

"I'm not too proud to accept one, sir."

"Well, you can have the rest of this pile. I can't eat it."

Outlashed

"Never mind, old man," said she sympathetic friend. "You've got the law on your side."

"I know it," replied the man who was trying to recover damages from a soulless corporation, "but the lawyers are on the other side."

Bounced

"Do you think a girl can be happy if she marries for money?"

"Not always. Sometimes she doesn't get the money."

Re-arranging



Customer: "Didn't you nip off a piece of my ear, then?"

Barber: "Yes, sir, a small piece; but not enough to affect the hearing, sir!"

Accommodating

"Look here, conductor," said the agitated commuter, "I left my commutation ticket in my other coat. Can't you punch it twice to-morrow?"

"Yes," replied the conductor. "I can do that if you wish."

"Thanks, old man. That's awfully kind of you," said the commuter, much relieved.

"But you'll have to pay the regular fare to-day just the same," continued the conductor.

Not Now

"Jones always said he intended to be the master in his own house."

"Yes, and he was until the hat arrived."

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Amsterdam. — Supreme command of the German peace army has been transferred from the people's commissioners to the minister of war, who will be responsible to the government. The transfer was made with the approval of the soldiers' and workmen's council, which will still be responsible for all social and economic regulations concerning the army.

Officers in future wear a dark blue stripe on the left sleeve. All other distinctive marks have been abolished. The obligation to salute is reciprocal, but has been abolished in the big cities.

London. — Since German troops were summoned to put down the Spartacist uprising in Berlin the army has been assuming a position of greater importance, according to advice received here.

Great Britain May Restore Mesopotamia

In the Future It May Become a Great Country

London. — Improvements of great importance have been made in the channel Shate of Arab, which is the river formed by the confluence of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, according to the Journal of the Mesopotamian board of trade. Ocean going steamers may now go up the river from the Persian Gulf as far as Nalrum, which is about twenty miles above Basra.

Part of the Journal is devoted to the irrigation projects which are now being carried out in the valley of the Euphrates. Regarding the immense benefits which might be derived from systematic irrigation, the Journal says: "In older times lower Mesopotamia was a forest of perpetual verdure and a country of great cities thronged with thriving people. The dread hand of the Turk has pressed heavily upon Mesopotamia and its people. In the past it was a great country. In the future it may again become a great country, but at present it is moribund. Yet the rich soil retains life. A wonderful recovery is within possibility and Great Britain has solved more difficult problems in the empire than are presented by the restoration of Mesopotamia."

Sinn Feiners Killed Two Policemen
Dublin. — The Sinn Fein parliament provided only a one-day sensation. Its members held a brief meeting at the Mansion house, but behind closed doors. Afterwards Count Plunkett told the reporters that statement of the business transacted would be furnished to the press later, thus following the precedent of the Paris conference.

A group of a hundred young men gathered outside during the secret session, but no excitement of any kind was shown. The public was far more interested in the murder of two policemen in Tipperary at the time the parliament was meeting.

Farmers Want Men Released
Winnipeg. — Immediate release of all soldiers and sailors in Canada who are required on Manitoba farms is demanded by farmers of the province. A strongly worded resolution to this effect was unanimously passed at the Union of Manitoba Municipalities convention here. It will be sent to Ottawa immediately. Hon. Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior, declared that in his opinion the request of the municipal convention should be granted, and he will take up the matter immediately on his arrival in Ottawa.

It is the struggle to keep up appearances that keep some persons down.

Congress Wants Russia To Settle Internal Difficulties

Paris. — Led by President Wilson, the supreme council of the great powers moved to unite the factions of distracted Russia and bring them into the peace congress.

They unanimously adopted a proposition brought forward by President Wilson, asking all the Russian factions, including the Bolsheviks, to meet the allied and associated governments at Princes' Islands, in the Sea of Marmora, on February 15, the confounding factions meantime declaring a truce and suspending all military operations.

Aside from the importance of the conclusion reached, it was especially notable as being the first time that

Irish Peace Delegates

Dublin. — According to the provisional constitution of the Irish republic now before the "Dail Eireann," legislative powers are to be vested in deputies elected from existing parliamentary constituencies. The ministry will consist of a president and four executive officers — secretaries of finance, home affairs, foreign affairs, and national defense. All revenues will be raised on the vote of the "Dail Eireann," the constitution may be altered upon seven days' notice. Count Plunkett, Professor Edward De Valera and Arthur Griffith will probably be appointed Irish delegates to the peace congress.

Germans Wanted a Short Cut to Peace

Bombs From Air Were a Nightmare to Them

London. — First hand information as to the results of the bombing of Germany gives a vivid idea of why the Germans, as the British aerial strength developed, wanted to take a short cut to peace.

"One gazes amazed at the gigantic work involved in the defensive fortifications," declares a writer just back from Bruges. "Bombs from the air became a nightmare to the Germans. All the dock area is full of bomb holes. Pontons, sheds, wharves and dugouts covered with reinforced concrete are in ruins. One heavy bomb struck a destroyer in a ponton drydock and destroyed both vessel and ponton. Another ponton was so badly damaged that the Germans blew it up, together with the submarine in it. The latter now lies in halves, the bow in the remains of the ponton and the stern blown on the bank of the canal."

Arms Found By Government

Will Consider Regulations Regarding 1,000 Bolsheviks

Warsaw. — Several thousand rifles, many machine guns and thousands of hand grenades, intended for use in an attempt to overturn the Pilsudski government, which has now been succeeded by the Paderewski government, were discovered in Warsaw. The government authorities also arrested 1,000 Bolsheviks. The arrests were made in an effort to secure orderly elections to the national assembly.

Prince Sappica, who led the brief and futile attempt against the Pilsudski government a fortnight ago, is still in prison. He will be released when the political situation becomes clearer. However, there is no word under which he can be prosecuted.

State of Hedjaz Wants Autonomy
Paris. — Prince Faisal, a son of the king of the Hedjaz, has compiled a memorandum asking complete independence and autonomy for the Arabian state of the Hedjaz to consist of Syria, Upper Mesopotamia, Lower Mesopotamia, Yemen and Nejd. The territory of Nejd is a tribal state. The prince invites the peace conference to send a commission to these districts to ascertain the real desires of the people.

Berne. — "President Wilson will achieve a workable and feasible league of nations and with the full strength and influence of Great Britain solidly behind him," Arthur Henderson, British labor leader, declared to the Associated Press.

the voice of the United States has taken the direction in the concert of European powers on the most serious European question now presented. There was added significance to the fact that an American president in person had taken leadership in the council made up chiefly of European statesmen and had pointed a way which they had unanimously adopted. The final result came after three days of continuous discussion of Russia, which did not crystallize until the final hours, when President Wilson presented in writing the plan he had elaborated. There was little opposition and this was based mainly on doubts as to whether the proposition would be adopted.

Club Must Still Be Held Over Huns

Taft Declared League of Nations Necessary

St. Catharines, Ont. — "We were fighting, not the Hohenzollerns alone, although they were leading, but we were fighting the German people, impregnated with the doctrine of world domination," declared W. H. Taft, former United States president, in a lecture here. "A surgical operation was needed, not by a sharp instrument, but a club. This we have done, and we must hold that club for further application if necessary, in case it should later develop that a radical cure has not been effected."

Mr. Taft declared that, "If we are to clinch our purposes in the war, a league of nations is necessary." A movement is on foot to open a series of conventions to educate the American people to the need of such a league by the holding of nine conventions in as many cities in various sections of that country in February, and he had decided to try it on Canada first.

Second Revolt in Two Weeks

Washington. — The present revolution in Portugal, seeking to restore the monarchy, is the second movement within two weeks, it was learned at the state department. Information reaching the department shows that this outbreak, about ten days ago, was suppressed by the government and that several of the leaders are still in jail.

Survey Aerial Route

Melbourne. — It is announced that the commonwealth government has sanctioned the formation of a company to survey an aerial route between Australia and the Far East.



Sir George McL. Brown.

A NEW CANADIAN KNIGHT—A new picture of Sir Geo. McLaren Brown, General European manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who has been honored as the result of his splendid services as unpaid assistant director of transport for the British Government during the war.

CANADIANS IN GERMANY Contracted a Mock Marriage

Two Canadian Divisions are to Remain Until Further Orders

Ottawa. — The militia department reaffirmed its denial of the story of General Dods, in Montreal, that all Canadian forces have been withdrawn from Germany. "The information we have is wholly in the contrary," stated the chief of the general staff. He had been inclined to think that Gen. Dods had been misunderstood or misquoted.

The known plans in regard to the Canadian divisions are that the third division is being withdrawn from France and Belgium, but will, on account of traffic conditions in France, march to the sea by easy stages instead of being moved by train. From there it will be transported to England. The movement to Canada would therefore start about March 1. As far as known at present, the other two Canadian divisions are to remain as a part of the army of occupation in Germany until further orders.

Express Disappointment

Paris. — W. F. Massey, premier of New Zealand, and Sir J. G. Ward, minister of finance of New Zealand, have arrived in Paris and expressed disappointment at the decision of the supreme council to give the country only one delegate at the peace congress. The New Zealand parties represent two different parties in New Zealand and both wish to be present at the conference. They said they would endeavor to have the decision changed so that both could attend the peace sessions.

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Coal Miners Strike

Whole Yorkshire Coal Field Probably Will Be Idle

London. — Industrial unrest throughout the United Kingdom is on the increase. In addition to the threatened railway strike the whole Yorkshire coal field probably will be idle, throwing 150,000 men out of employment, while preparations are being made in Scotland for a general strike for a 40-hour week.

The cause of the trouble in Yorkshire is somewhat similar to that which is occurring in other parts of the country. The operators there have locked out some 40,000 men who insisted on taking twenty minutes of the employers' time for meals.

In reply to the lockout the Yorkshire miners' association has declared a strike. The dispute in London between the engineers and their employers has improved somewhat. Some of the employers have granted the demands of the engineering trade, but the electrical workers are now threatening to strike.

May Export Low Grade Flour

Ottawa. — The Canada food board has notified all millers in Canada that special permits will now be granted for those applying allowing them separation of flour into patents, clears, low grades and other flour extractions, provided such flour is only sold outside of Canada, to West Indies, Central and South America. Permits for the export of flour to those countries will be freely granted for straight run flour or any of the separations above cited. Applications for export to Newfoundland, in order to meet the requirements of the Newfoundland food board will be granted for standard flour only.

Portuguese Are Concerned Over African Colonies

Interested in Dominions

Paris. — The announcement of the aspirations of the British Dominions is being discussed with the keenest interest in official circles in Paris. The question is being frequently asked whether this present important step is to be followed later by insistence on the part of the Dominions of a right as nations to have a full share in dictating the foreign policy of the empire so far as it affects the Dominions.

"The British empire is in one sense a national entity and in another a league of nations in itself," was the way one high personage summarized the situation.

Do Not Share in War Gratitudes

Next of Kin of Deceased Soldiers Provided for Under Pension Regulations

Ottawa. — There is absolutely no truth in the statement appearing in certain newspapers that the war service gratuity payable to men of the C.E.F. on retirement or discharge will also be paid to war widows, dependents and next of kin of soldiers killed in action or who died of wounds.

An official denial of this statement was issued by the militia department, and at the same time it was pointed out that the order in council makes no provision of this nature. The next of kin of deceased soldiers are provided for under the pension regulations.

The order in council does, however, make provision for payment of the gratuity to the dependents of a soldier who dies subsequent to his discharge or retirement, and before he or his dependents have received any part or the whole of the gratuity. It states that if there survive some dependents of the gratuity equal to separation allowance the portion of the gratuity unpaid at the time of his death should be payable to such dependents. In the case of a soldier who has no dependents entitled to separation allowance, and who dies subsequent to discharge before receiving any or all of the gratuity, the portion of the gratuity unpaid at the time of his death shall not become payable.

PROUD OF ACHIEVEMENT

Greatest Change in Habits of People Ever Recorded

London. — "I am constantly receiving reports from British Columbia of the splendid results of prohibition," writes Bishop Perrin, formerly Bishop of British Columbia.

A great deal is appearing here just now also concerning prohibition in the United States. The Times, however, editorially remarks:

"It seems hardly to be understood here that prohibition in America has not yet actually taken place. Meanwhile, in this country, where we have followed a more moderate policy, the Times continues, 'there has been wrought the greatest change in the habits of the people ever recorded, and the greatest reduction in drunkenness ever accomplished' in any country. This is the one belligerent country that can show such records. Others have been held up to our admiration as patterns to follow, but when enquiry is made as to results, there are none worth showing. When any of our neighbors can show a positive record that will compare with ours it will be time enough to admire their achievements."

Sinn Feiners Desired to Attract General Attention

Dublin. — Comments of the Irish papers on the parliament are to the effect that it was an empty beating of the air and that its special purpose was to attract the attention of the world, particularly of the peace conference, to the Sinn Feiners' cause.

In the opinion of the papers, most Dublin people believe the Sinn Feiners expected and desired the congress to be suppressed by the police or the military.

The gist of the newspaper comment is that if Count Plunkett presents the Sinn Feiners' declaration on

Paris. — Portuguese circles in this city are greatly concerned over the situation in their country. They fear especially that their possessions in Africa, forming the third largest colonial empire on that continent, may come into question and that some European state may point out that Portugal, being in a state of anarchy, is unfit to rule other peoples.

The Portuguese hope that the delegates attending the peace congress will realize the sacrifices sustained by Portugal, which they say were very great compared with the size of the country and its wealth.

They say that Portugal asks "only to keep what she already possesses."

The official journal of the Lisbon government has promulgated a decree inflicting heavy fines upon the districts of Oporto, Vizeu and Braga where the monarchists have been in control. The fines vary from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for every day the districts remain in a state of rebellion.

Bismarck Had Plans To Destroy France

Document Found Recently Among Papers of French Literary Man

Paris. — Prince Bismarck contemplated a second war with Germany against the French, which would result in the virtual destruction of France, according to a document published in the Petit Parisien. The document purports to be a note made by the ex-counsellor of the then King of Hanover, summing up a conversation with Bismarck, and is stated to have been found recently among the papers of a French literary man.

"I am positive that if I live long enough I am destined to destroy France," Bismarck is quoted as saying, "for in another war I will take from her colonies and her fleet, not to mention billions, and will dismember her a second time. For this purpose I am going to prepare the German people to become more powerful."

Crisis In Argentina

Radical Party Will No Longer Be Responsible for Acts of President

Buenos Ayres. — La Provincia says that the radical party is re-organizing and is preparing to issue a declaration that it will no longer be responsible for the acts of Dr. Hipolito Yrigoyen, the president of the republic.

Dr. Yrigoyen was elected president of Argentina in June, 1916, as the candidate of the radical party, being the first of his party to be elected president. He took office in October, 1916, for a term of six years. Since assuming the presidency, Dr. Yrigoyen has had to reform his cabinet several times. His attitude during the war caused much political dissension in Argentina.

Italians Hold Conference

Discuss Italy's Aspirations From a Strategic Point of View

Paris. — The Italian delegation to the peace conference held a conference with General Diaz, the Italian commander in chief, who arrived in Paris to discuss Italy's aspirations from a military and strategic point of view, with special attention to possession of what the Italians call "the keys of the door on land and seas." To realize this object the Italian delegates, it is said, consider it indispensable that Italy possess the Drenner Pass and also the Dalmatian coast and Seara and Bebenico. Without this they say it is impossible for Italy to control the Adriatic as ally of the coast line of central Italy would be at the mercy of any nation possessing Dalmatia.

Irish independence, the peace conference will merely put it in the archives without discussion, under the rules adopted permitting anyone to present petitions.

The Irish censorship prevented the appearance of the Sinn Feiners' declaration of independence in the Dublin papers.

Without interference, the lord mayor of Dublin, Lawrence O'Neill, having obtained passports from the government, will proceed to Paris to tender to President Wilson the freedom of the city of Dublin, recently voted by the corporation.



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LOCAL NEWS

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The G.T.P. have put a new floor in the waiting room at the station.

The funeral of the two days old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wiese was held at Irma Sunday.

The Choral Society will meet on Feb. 6th, at the home of Mr. H.W. Love.

Mr. Hutton of the Merchants Bank staff spent the week end at Edmonton.

The members of the Irma Red Cross are busy practicing for a concert and entertainment to be held on Friday evening, Feb. 21st.

The polling place advertised at the residence of W.R. Blade has been changed to the residence of G. J. Libarger will be deputy. Sec. 34-Tp 44-9.

The Ladies Aid will meet at Mrs. O. Eaton on Feb. 6th. The meetings will be on Thursday for the winter months.

Mrs. G.A. Tripp.

W.L. Mildon returned home Sunday after an visit with relatives at Tacoma, Wash. Mr Mildon was called to Tacoma on account of the illness of his sister who died three weeks after he arrived at her home.

A Valentine Social in aid of church funds will be held at Jarro Feb. 14th at 8 p.m. Programme, sale of work, refreshments, and a good time. Valentines supplied. Everybody come.

Mrs. D. Ambler is a patient at the General Hospital, Edmonton. Mr. Ambler took her to Edmonton on the 20th. Last reports was that there was very little change.

About two weeks ago while teaming baled hay to Irma Sid Miles met with a painful accident to his knee. The load upset pinning him under some of the bales. As it was not healing satisfactorily he was taken to the hospital at Edmonton last Saturday night.

NOTICE

The Red Cross Society, will meet at the parsonage, Wed. 19th. A full attendance is requested.

E.V. Manners, Treas.

Sunday Services.

1 p.m. Preaching service and Bible Study at Sunny Brae.

3.30 p.m. Bible study and preaching service at Elliotts.

7.30 p.m. Bible Study and preaching service at Irma.

Everyone is welcome. C.G. Hockin, pastor.

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